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REF: A. WILCOX LETTER 5/28/74 TO FRIEDMAN; B. BRIEDMAN MEMO
7/11/74 TO WILCOX; C. WILCOX LETTER 9/4/74 TO FRANCIS;
D. WILCOS LETTER 9/4/74 TO HINZNER; E. WILCOX LETTER 7/17/74
TO HOYLE; F. SANTIAGO 6262; G. SLAWSON-WILCOX TELECON 10/31

1. SUMMARY: FOR USE DURING ATTENDANCE AT CHILEAN REACTOR
INAUGURATION, AEC SCIREP REQUESTS (A) CONGRATUALTORY MESSAGE FROM
AEC CHAIRMAN; (B) REPLY TO CHILEAN CCEN INQUIRY RE PURCHASE OF
LEASED FUEL; (C) COMMENTS ON POINTS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION
CHILEANS RAISED WITH ACDA TEAM; (D) LATEST AEC POLICY ON
RESEARCH REACTOR FUEL AND POWER REACTOR ENRICHING SERVICES.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH WILCOS ATTENDANCE AT REACTOR INAUGURATION
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IN SANTIAGO NOV 8, FOLLOWING WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOONEST

TO ADEQUATELY REPRESENT US INTERESTS THERE:

(A) MESSAGE FROM AEC CHAIRMAN TO CCEN PRESIDENT CONGRATULATING CHILE ON CONSTRUCTION OF REACTOR. STATEMENT COULD DRAW ON ITEM 2 REF (A). SUGGEST STATEMENT BE CABLED SOONEST TO BUENOS AIRES, WHERE WE WILL TYPE IT ON AEC BA LETTERHEAD, AND WILCOX WILL HAND CARRY TO SANTIAGO.

(B) IF AEC HAS REPLIED TO REF (E) DIRECTLY TO CCEN, PLEASE CABLE TEXT TO BA AND SANTIAGO. IF NOT, REPLY REQUESTED URGENTLY VIA SAME ROUTES FOR WILCOX TO CONVEY TO ABARZUA. CONVERSION OF AEC-LEASED FUEL TO PURCHASE WOULD APPEAR TO BE IMPORTANT AND TIMELY ACTION.

(C) DEPT/AEC COMMENTS ON THE POINTS CHILEANS RAISED WITH ACDA TEAM (RETEL F) AS WE PRESUME THESE WILL BE RAISED AGAIN WITH SCIREP. ABSENT SUCH COMMENTS, SCIREP WILL, IF ASKED, TELL CHILEANS FOLLOWING WITH RESPECT TO POINTS OF PARA 3, RETEL F: (1) USG WILLING COOPERATE IN ANY WAY IT CAN IN CONNECTION WITH DESIGN AND PERSONNEL TRAINING FOR POWER REACTOR. TI WILL, AS DESIRED, ENCOURAGE QUALIFIED US FIRMS TO CONTACT CHILEANS AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS. IT WILL PROVIDE EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION TO FINANCING PROBLEMS (E.G. EXIM LOAN) AND TO PROVIDING ENRICHMENT SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH POSSIBILITIES AVAILABLE. IF TRAINING IS DESIRED AT ERDA FACILITIES AND/OR UNIVERSITIES, IT WILL COOPERATE IN ARRANGING SUITABLE PLACEMENT, BUT (UNLESS AID SANTIAGO PREPARED ASSIST) CANNOT HELP IN THE FUNDING OF SUCH TRAINING.

(2) AEC QUITE PROBABLY UNWILLING TO ABANDON IRRADIATOR NOW AT "LA REINA" CENTER IN PLACE. AS INDICATED IN REF D, HOWEVER, IT NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION TO HELP WITH CO-60 SUPPLY FOR NEW IRRADIATOR, WHICH CAN BE SUPPLIED COMMERCIALY BY US FIRMS. IT CAN FACILITATE CONTACT WITH SUCH FIRMS.

(3) AEC KEEPING CHILE'S INTEREST IN URANIUM PROSPECTING (REFS A AND B) IN MIND AND WILL SEND AN EXPERT TO ADVISE THEM ON THIS AS SOON AS IT IS ABLE.

(4) ON COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE, FURTHER INFO ON WHAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS DESIRED WOULD BE USEFUL AND SCIREP WILL TRY TO DEVELOP) FOR CONSIDERATION BY AEC AND/OR AID AS APPROPRIATE.

(D) FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHILEANS AS WELL AS OTHER LATAM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITIES WHO WILL LIKELY BE PRESENT, SCIREP WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST AEC POSITIONS RE FUEL FOR RESEARCH REACTORS (PARTICULARLY CONVERSION OF LEASE TO SALE, DEADLINES VS. PRICES, ETC.) AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR POWER REACTORS

(EXTENT OF AEC/ERDA WILLINGNESS TO COMMIT FOR FUTURE REACTORS, LEAD TIME REQUIREMENTS, ETC.) RECOGNIZE SOM OF THIS MAY NOT REP NOT BE FIRM SCIREP NOT REQUESTING NEW POLICY DECISIONS, MERELY GUIDANCE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT AEC/IP CURRENTLY TELLING PROSPECTIVE FOREIGN CUSTOMERS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND PARTICULARLY ANY GUIDANCE GIVEN TO WESTINGHOUS AND/OR BRASILIA RE THE BRAZILIAN PROBLEM (BRASILIA 8161, BONN 16967). (FYI: RIO-BASED WESTINGHOUS POWER SYSTEMS OFFICIAL HEINEMAN ON VISIT HERE HAS FULLY BRIEFED SCIREP ALONG LINES HE BRIEFED AMB CRIMMINS (BRASILIA 8161) AND ON ANTECEDENTS AND FACTORS WHICH APPEAR TO BE TURNING GOB MORE TOWARD FRG, AT LEAST IN SENSE OF PROVIDING SOME COMPETITION TO WESTINGHOUS FOR LARGE SCALE PROGRAM OF POWER REACTOS AND FUEL-CYCLE PLANTS IN BRAZIL. THOUGH MATTER MAY NOT ARISE, SCIREP WOULD LIKE TO BE AS FULLY PREPARED AS POSSIBLE IN CASE SUBJDCT RAISED BY BRAZILIAN CNEN REP IN SANTIAGO AND TO PROVIDE PROPER PERSPECTIVE FOR OTHERS INTERSTED,E.G. ARGENTINA, CHILE, PERU).

3. ADVISE SOONEST.

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